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VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSNL has any proposal to set up a Voice-Over Internet Protocol to connect six cities and provide cheaper long-distance calls;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the cost thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SMT. SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) to (c): A Voice over Internet Protocol network connecting six cities namely Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Pune on an experimental basis at an estimated cost of 7.258 crores is under installation and is planned to be commissioned during 2002-2003. At present, the tariff for the calls through Voice over Internet Protocol will be same as for the calls through conventional network.